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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 20, 2007

SUBJECT: Conditional approval for the initial revision of the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River Superfund Site, MI (Phase/Stage: RD, RA)

FROM: Alida Roberman, Chemist, Field Services Section (FSS)

TO: Michael Berkoff, Remedial Project Manager (RPM)

I am providing a conditional approval for the initial revision of the Quality Assurance Project Plan for the Allied Paper/Portage Creek/Kalamazoo River, MI. The QAPP was prepared by RMT, Inc. The subject QAPP was received by the Field Services Section (FSS) on June 22, 2007 (SF Log-in No. 3516).

The following must be addressed before final approval of the document:

1. QAPP Worksheet #11. Second paragraph. Please provide a reference for the sampling and analytical protocol instead of "defined later in this document."
2. The same QAPP Worksheet. Last paragraph. Please put an estimate amount of samples which you are planning to collect and analyze to satisfy the project goal.
3. All Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) from the Weyerhaeuser Analysis & Testing (WATS) laboratory should be updated and resubmitted for review. Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) from this laboratory should be written in the requirement format according to EPA QA/G-6 document: www.epa.gov/quality/qs-docs/q6-final.pdf.
4. QAPP Worksheets #34, 35 & 36. Data Verification/Validation. Please explain how the data review and verification will be organized in this project to meet the Superfund requirements. A 100% laboratory data validation *must be performed by an entity independent of the laboratory.*

Please provide revised pages only before submitting final QAPP revision

